

**Council of Governments
Full Membership Committee Meeting
September 22, 2021 – 10:00 am**

I. Welcome – Call to order – Adam

- a. Due to the recent update to the Public meeting law we are offering this meeting in hybrid form. Thank you everyone for joining us both in person and online for our Council of Government committee meeting.
- Introductions were done by everyone present, in person and via Zoom.
- b. We have a bit of old business to address but we will save that to the end today because we have an important presentation for you with distinguished guests to share with us their work and efforts.

II. New Business – Adam

- a. Monroe County Comprehensive Plan Presentation –
 - i. One of the first goals I set out to achieve as County Executive was to develop a County, Comprehensive Plan which was last done in 1979. Since taking office, we have secured funding, hired a contractor, and held our first steering committee meeting with distinguished leaders from around the county. I am happy to have the opportunity to share with you the current status of the development of the Plan and how you can help develop a more robust, strategic and inclusive plan for our future.
- The Comprehensive Plan is a priority and with all the resources, we want to prioritize how we use those resources.
- It's important to understand what it is and what it isn't.
 - ii. Introductions
 1. Pat Gooch, Senior planner with the County's Department of Planning and Development and the county's lead on the Comprehensive Plan.
 2. Jane Nicholson, Environmental Design & Resources (EDR) Senior Project Manager, and the lead manager with EDR on the Comprehensive Plan.
 - iii. Presentation by Pat and Jane
Pat and Jane gave an overview of the County Comprehensive Plan, explaining the County process and how it will play out this year. Community engagement is vital in building a shared vision, in creating a "road map" to where we want to go. The Comprehensive Plan is titled, "Plan Forward", in recognition of our need to think ahead and focus on our future, this plan will focus on a 10-15 year time frame.

The Comprehensive Planning team is looking at what the County can actually do; what resources the County can bring or use to implement the Communities' vision. We need to look across the entire County and built on existing community strengths and identify regional issues that can best be addressed at the County level. Steps in this process include planning the framework, topics, and community engagement. One outreach idea where help will be needed is putting postcards in various locations, such as the Clerk's Office and libraries. The project schedule is "very robust" and public engagement is a part of this across the board. Lastly, a webpage will be added to the County's website at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/planforward>.

David D. - Public Health was listed, Public Safety wasn't.

Jane N. – Those were just examples. Public Safety is important.

Q) Are municipal comp. plans being looked at? A) Yes.

iv. Next steps for Comp Plan

b. Fast Forward Monroe –

Adam: For information purposes: Fast Forward Monroe 2.0 Small Business Grant Program provides businesses with 50 people or less, \$10,000 - \$20,000; \$10,000 for those with 0-2 employees. There have been 1500-2000 applications at this time.

Lydia Birr, from the Economic Development team, is encouraging everyone to spread the word in their community. There is \$20 Million for distribution from the Cares Act Funding for local small businesses who were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Grant amounts range from \$10,000 - \$20,000 depending upon the number of FTE's. There are qualifying expenses and documents that are needed. We have technical assistant partners, the website and contact information to help businesses in this process. The portal will be open until October 8th.

III. Old Business – Rebecca

a. 2022 Shared Services

-Laura Smith: The NYS legislature has extended the Shared Services program to 2024.

- i. Extension of Shared Services timeline – we believe there will be an extension by 6 months to July for the 2021 plan. We will keep you informed as this decision is finalized.
- ii. We must still submit a 2022 plan. We are interested in pursuing 1 or 2 ideas at most in 2022 so that we can reserve other ideas for the future. We attached the 2021 Shared Service plan to today's invitation for your reference. Please share your ideas via email (with Rebecca) over the next week. I will follow up via email. If we need to create a plan, or if we don't hear back from the state, we will need to give the proposed plan to the County Legislature on November 9th, hold three public hearings before Christmas and then our group will need to vote to approve the plan during the last week in December. We are hoping to avoid these steps as we still believe we can work on the 2021 plan but we will be prepared either way.
- The vote in December, in effect for 2022, can be implemented July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

b. Vacant Properties

Quick update: we are working with folks from Rush, Chili, Churchville, Gates, Irondequoit, and Sweden to determine how best to put together the data and integrate it into a website. We have collected some data, mapped it, and have a second meeting set up to determine the most valuable data that we want to propose to this group to collect from everyone.

- What is the data that is most important to municipalities?

c. Shared Equipment

Do you have any major purchases coming up that might be something that other towns and villages would be interested in?

- Municipalities do contact each other already.

- If looking to purchase large equipment, send Rebecca an email.

d. Other old business? No

IV. Adjournment – Adam

a. Next Meetings

- i. Steering Committee – November 8th at 4:00 in First Floor Multipurpose room at CityPlace. Assuming the Executive order is still in place, we will offer a Zoom option.
- ii. Full Committee - January 12 at 2:00. Location TBD. Assuming the Executive order is still in place, we will offer a Zoom option.

Adjourned: 11:05 am

Members Present: Adam Bello, Rebecca Caico, Pat Gooch, Kim Hudson, Lydia Birr, Faye Pelow, Laura Smith, Anthony LaFountain, Barbara Chirido, Brad O’Brocta, Ciaran Hanna, Cosmo Giuinta, David Dunning, Gerald Kusse, John Moffitt, Stephen Schultz, Tom Flaherty, William Moehle, Martin D’Ambrose, Ann Hartman, Jonathan Hellman, Jacqueline Sullivan

EDR Consulting present: Jane Nicholson, Jane Rice, Sarah Krisch

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